Taking over of Visvesvaraya Steel Plant

610. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision on the take over of Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel Ltd., Bhadravati which has been in the red for the last many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to make it a viable unit and useful as per standards of other steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The proposal to take over Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Ltd. (VISL), Bhadravati, is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Steps to improve VISL's viability will be taken once a decision is taken in regard to its take over.

Missing Registrants among the priority list under Rohini Scheme

611. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 12th April, 1989 under the caption "case of missing Rohini registrants" wherein it has been stated that in a priority list of 4500 Rohini registrants, DDA did not take into consideration a large number of genuine registrants; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) 141 persons who had got themselves registered through the United Commercial Bank (UCO Bank) were not included in any of the four draws so far held by the Delhi Development Authority for allotment of plots in the Rohini Residential Scheme in Delhi because the applications received by the Bank were remitted to the Delhi Development Authority after September, 1987 when the fourth and the last draw was held. These applicants have now been assigned priority numbers through computer and allotment will be made to them accoring to their respective priority numbers.

Recruitment of Video Executive in Doordarshan

612. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 37 posts of Video executive for all the Centres of Doordarshan only 16 posts have been filled up;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to fill the vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Amendment of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976

613 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 145 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision for amendment of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 to simplify the procedures concerning the Land Ceiling Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(c) the extent to which the general public is likely to be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) to (c) A final decision has not yet been taken.

New Method to Set Farm Output Target

614. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any new method to set farm output target;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any working groups have been constituted for agriculture and its allied sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how the working groups would function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) Working Groups are set up for agriculture and allied sectors. The Working Groups also recommend targets of agricultural production taking into account the past performance, the growth rate, the productivity level achieved and other relevant factors such as irrigation facilities, availaility of inputs including fertilisers, seeds, etc.

For the Eighth Five Year Plan, 20 Working Groups have been set up for agriculture and allied sectors, various inputs, demand and supply projections, agricultural research and education and extension, etc. The Working Groups are to function according to the terms of reference and time frame set for them.

Requirement of Accommodations for Central Government Employees

615. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had failed to implement their crash housing programme in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is requirement of nearly 2 lakh quarters in the country for Central Government employees and Government had so far provided only 83,000 quarters; and

(c) if so, the further steps Government propose to take to boost its housing activity in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The demand as on 1-1-88 was about 1.88 lakhs, based on restricted applications, against which the availability was 81290.

(c) New projects are taken up, depending upon availability of funds and subject to other constraints.

International Labour Organisation's offer to expand Technical Collaboration Activities

616. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation (ILO) propose to expand its technical collaboration activities in the field of poverty alleviation, employment generation, rural development and organisational building programmes in the unorganised sector;

(b) whether Government propose to formulate a scheme to train the workers in the unorganised sector; and

(c) if so, the extent to which Government will take help of the ILO in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) A number of ILO projects are going on in various fields some of which are related to unorganised sector. However, there is no specific commitment from ILO to expand substantially its collaboration in any specific area.